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Office of the Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Representatives of the United States Intelligence Board
SUBJECT : NIE 35/36-3-75: THE FUTURE ARAB-ISRAELI BALANCE OF POWER

1. The National Intelligence Officer for the Middle East has met with working level representatives of CIA, DIA, and State/INR to consider how best to approach the production of NIE 35/36-3-75, "The Future Arab-Israeli Balance of Power." It was agreed that considerable research would have to be done before drafting of the estimate could begin. To meet this requirement a special interagency work program was agreed upon (see attached). Once the papers are completed, a single drafter (or possibly a small drafting team) will be selected to write the estimate itself.

2. I want to stress that this estimate must be a truly interagency undertaking, characterized by considerable interaction and mutual support by the involved elements of the Intelligence Community, if it is to succeed. The Assistant NIO/ME, [redacted] will be responsible for general oversight of production of the estimate and its supporting working program. He will remain in close touch with appropriate project officers.

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